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Amendments to the claims:

Claims 1-157 (cancelled).

158. (currently amended) A method of providing directory assistance to a caller comprising:

~~locating~~ searching by a directory assistance provider for a destination telephone number associated with a desired party;

initiating a telephone call between the caller and the desired party based on the destination telephone number;

determining if a predefined condition relating to the status of the telephone call occurs; ~~and~~

if the predefined condition occurs, obtaining an identifier of a messaging device associated with the desired party for contacting the desired party, the identifier being different from the destination telephone number; ~~and~~

sending a message ~~by the caller~~ to the messaging device associated with the desired party based on the identifier[[]]; and

allowing the caller to obtain the identifier of the messaging device from a directory assistance provider.

159. (previously presented) The method of claim 158, wherein the message comprises a voice message.

160. (previously presented) The method of claim 158, wherein the message comprises a text message.

161. (previously presented) The method of claim 160, wherein the text message comprises a custom text message.

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162. (previously presented) The method of claim 161, wherein the custom text message is dictated by the caller to a directory assistance provider.

163. (previously presented) The method of claim 158, wherein the message comprises a page.

164. (previously presented) The method of claim 158, wherein the predefined condition comprises a non-answering desired party condition.

165. (previously presented) The method of claim 164, wherein the non-answering desired party condition comprises a busy signal.

166. (previously presented) The method of claim 164, wherein the non-answering desired party condition comprises a ring-no-answer condition.

167. (previously presented) The method of claim 164, wherein an option to have the message sent is offered to the caller after an occurrence of the non-answering desired party condition.

168. (previously presented) The method of claim 158, wherein the message is sent to the desired party after an occurrence of the predefined condition when it is determined that the desired party has the messaging device capable of accepting the message.

169. (previously presented) The method of claim 158, wherein the predefined condition comprises call termination.

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170. (previously presented) The method of claim 158, wherein the messaging device comprises a pager.

171. (previously presented) The method of claim 158, wherein the messaging device comprises a personal communications service (PCS) device.

172. (previously presented) A method of providing directory assistance services, comprising:

receiving a call from a caller, the call including a request for directory assistance; in response to the request, locating contact information associated with a desired party;

establishing a communication between the caller and the desired party based on the contact information;

determining whether the caller has a device capable of receiving a message; and sending a message containing at least part of the contact information to the device when it is determined that the caller has the device capable of receiving a message.

173. (previously presented) The method of claim 172, wherein the call originates from a telephonic apparatus having a telephone number associated with the caller.

174. (previously presented) The method of claim 173, wherein the device's capability of receiving a message is identified based on the telephone number.

175. (previously presented) The method of claim 173, wherein the telephonic apparatus comprises the device.

176. (previously presented) The method of claim 172, wherein the message

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comprises a text message.

177. (previously presented) The method of claim 172, wherein the contact information comprises a telephone number associated with the desired party.

178. (previously presented) The method of claim 172, wherein the contact information comprises a name of the desired party.

179. (previously presented) The method of claim 172, wherein the communication comprises a telephone call.

180. (previously presented) The method of claim 172, wherein the message comprises a page.

181. (previously presented) The method of claim 172, wherein the device comprises a pager.

182. (previously presented) The method of claim 172, wherein the device comprises a PCS device.

183. (previously presented) The method of claim 172, wherein the device comprises a wireless telephone.